

AN ACT

relating to including within the offense of barratry and solicitation of professional employment certain solicitations made during certain periods.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 38.12, Penal Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d-1) and amending Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(d-1) A person commits an offense if:

(1) the person is a chiropractor, physician, surgeon, or private investigator licensed to practice in this state, or is licensed, certified, or registered by a health care regulatory agency of this state;

(2) the person, with the intent to obtain professional employment for the person or another person, solicits or causes to be solicited, in person or by telephone, employment that relates to a personal injury sustained in an accident or disaster involving the solicited person or a relative of that person; and

(3) the solicitation described by Subdivision (2) occurs before the 31st day after the date the accident or disaster occurred.

(g) Except as provided by Subsection (h), an offense under Subsection (d) or (d-1) is a Class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1519 was passed by the House on April 25, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 133, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1519 was passed by the Senate on May 22, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor